

9 and 10 of rule XXI are waived. The rule provides that the previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill and amendments thereto to final passage without intervening motion except one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

The rule also provides that the Chair may entertain a motion that the Committee rise only if offered by the chair of the Committee on Small Business or a designee. The rule provides that the Chair may not entertain a motion to strike out the enacting words of the bill (as described in clause 9 of rule XVIII). Finally, the rule provides that during consideration of H.R. 2965, the Chair may reduce to two minutes the minimum time for electronic voting under clause 6 of rule XVIII and clauses 8 and 9 of rule XX. Testimony was heard by Chairwoman Velázquez, Markey (MA), Tsongas, and Graves.

## Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JULY 8, 2009

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### Senate

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, business meeting to mark up proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2010 for Energy and Water Development, 10 a.m., SD-192.

Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, business meeting to mark up proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2010 for Financial Services and General Government, 1:30 p.m., SD-192.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Subcommittee on Financial Institutions, to hold hearings to examine the effects of the economic crisis on community banks and credit unions in rural communities, 2 p.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* business meeting to consider S. 588, to amend title 46, United States Code, to establish requirements to ensure the security and safety of passengers and crew on cruise vessels, S. 649, to require an inventory of radio spectrum bands managed by the National Telecommunications and Information Administration and the Federal Communications Commission, S. 668, to reauthorize the Northwest Straits Marine Conservation Initiative Act to promote the protection of the resources of the Northwest Straits, S. 1194, to reauthorize the Coast Guard for fiscal years 2010 and 2011, and S. 1308, to reauthorize the Maritime Administration; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine the nominations of Charles F. Bolden, Jr., of Texas, to be Administrator, Lori Garver, of Virginia, to be Deputy Administrator, both of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Deborah A. P. Hersman, of Virginia, to be Chairman of the National

Transportation Safety Board, Richard A. Lidinsky, Jr., of Maryland, to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner, and Polly Trottenberg, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary of Transportation for Transportation Policy, 2 p.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Subcommittee on Water and Wildlife, to hold hearings to examine threats to native wildlife species, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Robert Perciasepe, of New York, to be Deputy Administrator, and Craig E. Hooks, of Kansas, to be an Assistant Administrator, both of the Environmental Protection Agency, 2:30 p.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Finance:* to hold hearings to examine how climate change legislation relates to international trade considerations, 10 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* business meeting to consider the nominations of Christopher William Dell, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Kosovo, Nancy J. Powell, of Iowa, to be Director General of the Foreign Service, Capricia Penavic Marshall, of the District of Columbia, to be Chief of Protocol, and to have the rank of Ambassador during her tenure of service, Maria Otero, of the District of Columbia, to be Under Secretary for Democracy and Global Affairs, and Philip L. Verveer, of the District of Columbia, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Deputy Assistant Secretary for International Communications and Information Policy in the Bureau of Economic, Energy, and Business Affairs and United States Coordinator for International Communications and Information Policy, all of the Department of State, Time to be announced, S-116, Capitol.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Carlos Pascual, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to Mexico, Arturo A. Valenzuela, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary for Western Hemisphere Affairs, Kenneth H. Merten, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Haiti, and Thomas Alfred Shannon, Jr., of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Federative Republic of Brazil, all of the Department of State, 9 a.m., SD-419.

Subcommittee on European Affairs, to hold hearings to examine industrial competitiveness under climate policies, focusing on lessons from Europe, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* business meeting to continue consideration of Affordable Health Choices Act, subcommittee assignments, and any pending nominations, 10 a.m., SD-106.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine reform in the Federal Protective Service, 10 a.m., SD-342.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community, 2:30 p.m., S-407, Capitol.

#### House

*Committee on Education and Labor,* Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary and Secondary Education